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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2005, Applicant hereby elects the species of **Embodiment 1, namely, Figures 1-4**, for prosecution in the subject application. **Claims 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7** are readable on the elected species. Claim 1 is generic to at least some of the other identified species.

The requirement for election of species is traversed in the following respect. The purported species identified in the Office Action as "Embodiment 6" is not in a species-to-species relationship with the other identified species. Rather, the subject matter of Figures 11-12 is in a combination-subcombination relationship with the other species. This is evident from the description of Embodiment 6 on pages 21-25 of the specification and from claims 12-16 that are directed to the subject matter of Figures 11-12, i.e., these claims depend from claim 1 and contain the transitional phrase "further comprising," indicating that they recite additional elements in combination with the subject matter of claim 1. In any event, claims 12-16 (as well as any other withdrawn claims directed to other species and including the subject matter of any allowed generic claim, e.g., claim 1) should also be found allowable upon allowance of their parent claim, i.e., claim 1.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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